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REMARKS

Claims 1-85 are pending in the application. The status identifiers of claims 2, 17 and 29-85 have been corrected.

It is noted that the Notice of Noncompliant Amendment mailed January 15, 2008 further indicated that claim 1 included an incorrect status identifier, however, upon review of the file history, the status identifier "Previously presented" appears to be correct, as the claim was amended in the response to restriction requirement filed on April 16, 2007.

Further, the Examiner did not object to the status identifier used in Claim 17, i.e. "Withdrawn, previously presented", however, the status identifier for this claim has been corrected to "Withdrawn," consistent with the Examiner's requirement for correction of the same claim status identifier used in claims 29-32, 49-56, 58, 63-69 and 73-78.

CONCLUSION

In view of the above corrections, and the Amendment and Response filed on December 20, 2007, Applicant submits that all pending claims are in condition for allowance, early notification of which is earnestly solicited. Should the Examiner be of the view that an interview would expedite consideration of this Amendment or of the application at large, the Examiner is requested to telephone the Applicant's attorney at (703) 433-0510 in order to resolve any outstanding issues in this case.

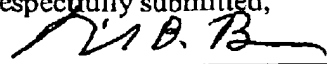
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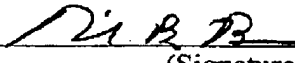

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